1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
28.	Hyd. (PH)*	789	1000	3525	—	386	5700
29.	UEB Hyderabad	—	—	—	—	—	—
30.	UEB Thirupathy	16	2	166	—	—	184
31.	UEB Waltair	21	7	186	—	—	214
	TOTAL	5578	4699	50308	59	516	61160

*Special Employment Exchange for physically handicapped.

Corruption in Kendriya Bhandars

†*497. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the corruption on massive scale in the Kendriya Bhandars;

(b) if so, whether any remedial step has been taken by Government to improve the situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Complaints are received from time to time alleging corruption in the Kendriya Bhandar. However, when any complaint is received either by Government or Kendriya Bhandar, it is duly investigated by its Chief Vigilance Officer and appropriate action is taken against the concerned employee(s) and/or the suppliers as the case may be. With a view to improve Kendriya Bhandar's perfomance and ensuring transparency and accountability, following steps have been taken:

(i) The Board of Directors of Kendriya Bhandar has formulated a Purchase Policy to bring transparency in the procurement of goods.

(ii) Computer software programme has been installed in Head

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Office to monitor the sales summary of every store everyday to ensure that they are selling the goods according to the codes.

(iii) The supply/quality of grocery goods from the suppliers is subjected to Laboratory tests and given ratings which are based on certain norms prescribed by Kendriya Bhandar which are stricter than the norms laid under the provisions of Food Adulteration Act. Such a rating is taken into consideration while considering tenders of those suppliers for subsequent period. Warning is issued to those who fall below the prescribed rating.

(iv) Kendriya Bhandar has initiated a process for obtaining indemnity from the suppliers regarding price guarantee to ensure that the customers get the best price.

(v) Prepaid suggestion post cards have been kept in all the stores to get prompt feed back from the customers. Action is taken on complaints/suggestions received from the customers. In case of serious complaints, suppliers have been suspended or de-registered depending upon the gravity of the offence.

(vi) Wherever possible, limited tenders are invited from the registered suppliers to generate competition among them.

(vii) Last year nearly 125 employees were transferred to prevent them from developing vested interest. Some of them had not been transferred for many years.

Plan allocation for NER

*498. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has prepared any plan allocation for the North-Eastern States based on the Shukla Commission's Report; and

(b) if so, how far the allocation for the Ninth Five Year Plan would improve the infrastructure in these States for their self-sustained development?